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Re: Inspection of Travertine #8-#9 Mine

On July 17, 2001, an inspection was conducted at the Travertine #8-#9 Mine by Brent Northrup of my staff. The purpose of the inspection was to assess compliance with the terms and conditions pertaining to the notice to conduct mining operations that you submitted to the Bureau of Land Management Moab Field Office on November 17, 2000. During the inspection, the mine was found inactive and no one was present at the site. However, several violations were identified that require your immediate attention.

A trackhoe from your mining operation was found parked off the access road about 4 miles east of the mine site (see enclosed map). Driving the trackhoe off the existing road created some wide tracks in the soils both where the trackhoe was parked and in a larger area across the road where the machine had also been driven. This parking area or equipment load out site was not identified in your notice and the surface disturbance created is not authorized. Unless your notice is modified, this site must not be utilized any further and the tracks created by your machinery off the existing road must be hand raked smooth.

A mobile home was present at the mine site and has been reported there for some time. This equipment was not identified in your notice and is not in compliance with the Federal regulations at 43 CFR 3715 for use and occupancy under the Mining Laws. These regulations require that before occupying public lands for over 14 calendar days, an operator is required to provide information about the proposed occupancy which includes 1) how the proposed occupancy is reasonably incident to the development of locatable mineral deposits and 2) a detailed description of where a temporary or permanent structure would be placed. The notice must be modified to include this information or the vehicle must be removed from the mine site.

Numerous containers of fuel, oil, hydraulic fluid, and cans of tire sealant were found scattered in the area below the access road that was constructed up the hill to the quarry. Other assorted trash was also found scattered about the mine site. The situation described is not in compliance with the performance standards specified in the Federal regulations at 43 CFR 3809.1-3 which state that all tailings, dumps, deleterious materials or substances, and other waste produced by the operations shall be disposed of so as to prevent unnecessary or undue degradation. Also,

the regulations at 43 CFR 3809.3-7 state that during periods of non-operation operators shall maintain the site, structures and other facilities of the operations in a safe and clean condition. Therefore, any vehicle fluids must be stored in a secure facility or removed from the site and all trash must be removed from the site. However, the notice must be modified to include a description and location of any facility that would be utilized for storing vehicle fluids on site.

Failure to rectify the violations identified within the next 7 calendar days may result in the issuance of a notice of noncompliance. If you would like to discuss these matters further or would like to arrange a meeting at the mine site to discuss a modification to your notice, please contact Brent Northrup at (435) 259-2151.

Sincerely,

/S/ WILLIAM C. STRINGER

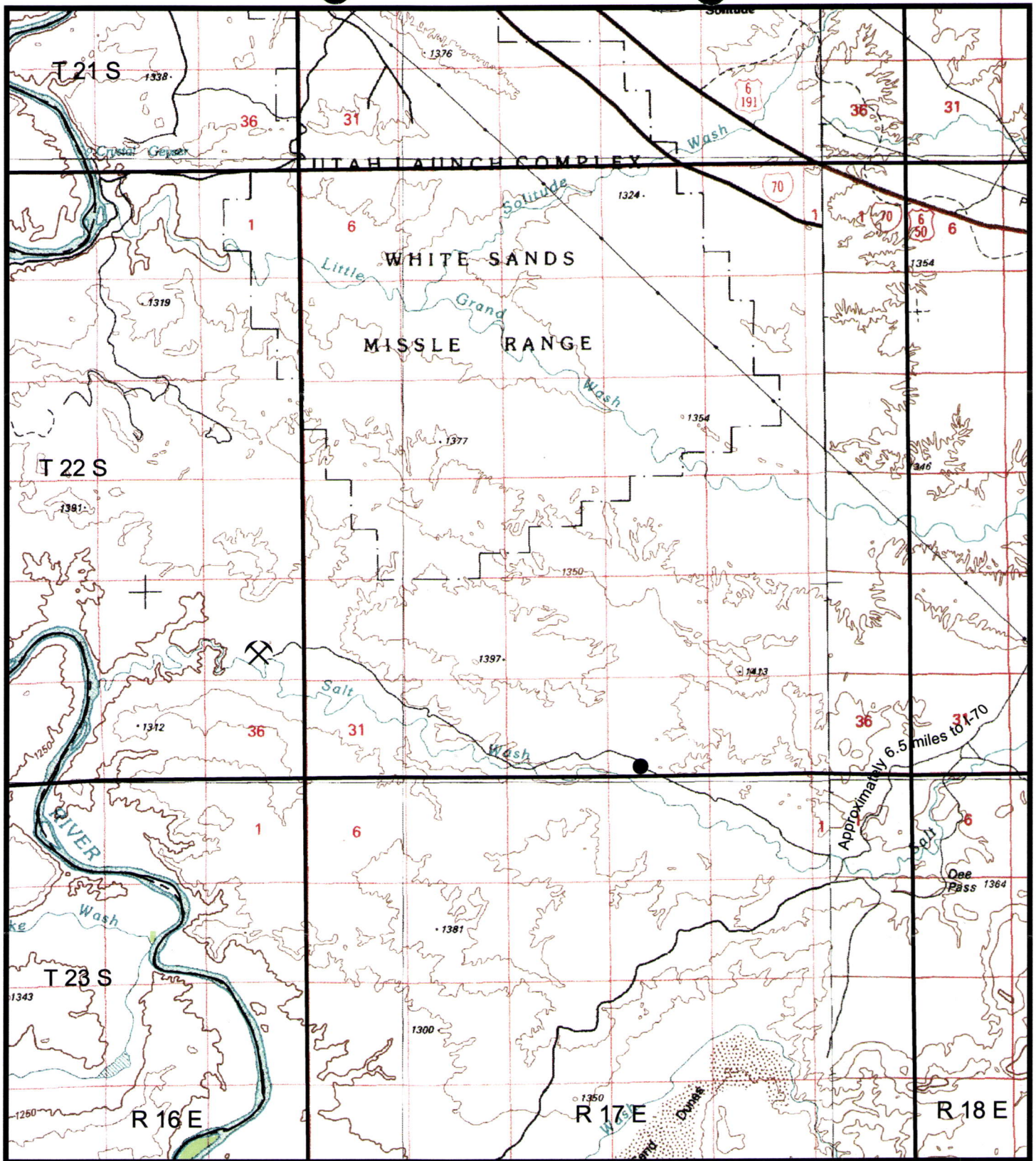
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Enclosures

1. Regional Map

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Travertine #8-#9 Mine
Regional Map

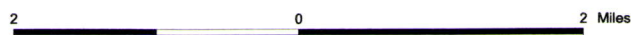
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Mine Site



Trackhoe Location



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